

# THE PARSON'S PARAGRAPHS

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## REVIVAL PLANS

Any resolution for renewing one's life in the Spirit requires a plan of action. Such a plan must be carried out both individually and corporately if it is to take effect. The method used in making it, a reality will vary, but if you belong to a church group that you feel needs reviving in a religious sense, then here are four areas that should receive due consideration in the process of your planning.

(1) Worship is the first. It must be at the very heart of Christian action, providing the spirit in which activities are carried out. It is absolutely necessary if we are to receive the benefit of the guidance of the Holy Spirit. Meetings opened with prayer, meals preceded by the grace, and days begun with prayer, have a much better chance of receiving the great benefit of His guidance than others.

(2) Reading and study is the second. This is neglected probably more than the first. The joke about the man remarking about the book found in hotel rooms by Gideon bears a significant message. Very few people really know anything about the message in the Bible, the Old and the New Testaments, or the relevance of the Holy Writ for our time. We must read and study if we are to know what God is really like, not only of the experiences of the Hebrews as found in the Old Testament and the early Christians as found in the New Testament, but also of the other great religions of the world. They too have achieved significant insights as to what God is like and his purposes for us. For the human being there is a great connection between the mind and religion. God expects us to use our minds in loving Him.

(3) Participation is the third. We cannot worship by ourselves, read and study by ourselves, and expect as great a benefit as we can from doing these things with others who also seek a renewal of the Spirit, a mending of their broken relationship with God. Some say that they would rather associate with a few good people outside the Church rather than to associate with people in the Church, because the latter are so corrupt. This is true in many cases and I understand such an attitude, but it is in the Church, where persons seek corporately to know God, that the Holy Spirit the Comforter as promised by Jesus Christ, is at work.

(4) Action is the fourth. Action must always be the response of the Christian. After worship, after reading and study, and after participation, there must be action if we are to revive our life in the Spirit, renew our broken relationship with God, create and make new our hearts and minds.

It is only when Christian individuals and groups of Christians corporately work diligently in these areas that a dynamic Christian fellowship comes into being. This is the creative process for which our Lord intended us; it is in this way that we fulfill His purposes for us.

Let us, seriously, ask ourselves three questions: What is the Church? What does it mean to me? What am I going to do about it? God grant all "the spirit of wisdom" in answering these questions as He would have us answer them, that we may be true to ourselves, and true to Him, through Jesus Christ.

# Lillington Social Happenings

## SUMMER PARTIES BRIGHTEN LILLINGTON SOCIAL SCENE

Parties for summer visitors, as well as courtesies for summer brides, have brightened the social life in Lillington for the past fortnight.

**DUKE VISITOR**  
Miss Barbara Sangston of Uniontown, Pa. who is the houseguest of Miss Dorothy Secrest and her mother, Mrs. H. D. Secrest at their farm home on the Cape Fear River Road was the guest of honor at three parties. Miss Sangston and Miss Secrest are members of the rising senior class at Duke University in Durham where they will return to school this fall.

An informal dance and game tournament was the first entertainment Miss Secrest gave for her guest on Tuesday night week at the Lillington Community Center. Around 25 boys and girls of the college set attended. Punch, cookies and mints were served by Mrs. H. D. Secrest and Mrs. Fred Inneson, mother and aunt of the hostess. Last Friday night Miss Secrest gave a party at her home with 15 guests from the Cedar Rock community attending. Various contests were played and prizes were awarded in the bingo games. Refreshments consisting of punch, cakes and mints were served.

On Saturday morning Miss Sangston shared honors with three other guests at the porch party given by Miss Lois Byrd and her mother, Mrs. W. P. Byrd, at the

Byrd home in Lillington. **DANVILLE GUEST**  
Several small social events have centered about Miss Evelyn Byrd of Danville, Va. who is visiting her mother, Mrs. W. P. Byrd and her houseguest Miss Mary E. Tarpley of Danville and Whitman, Va.

They shared honors with Miss Sangston at the Saturday morning party at the Byrd residence. On Sunday night Mrs. Robert W. Winston gave an old fashioned ice cream supper for the visitors. On Monday they visited Chapel Hill and on Tuesday Miss Tarpley returned home. Miss Byrd was to leave on Thursday, also for Danville.

On Tuesday night Mr. and Mrs. James F. Davis entertained at a dinner party at their home, complimentary to Miss Evelyn Byrd. A three course buffet dinner was from a dining room table decorated with a crystal candelabra holding pink tapers and epernettes of pink flowers. Guests were seated at individual tables in the living room where pink linen cloths covered the tables and a lighted pink candle encircled with miniature flower arrangement centered each table.

Attending were the guest of honor, and Mrs. W. P. Byrd, Miss Lois Byrd, Mrs. J. C. Thomson, Dr. and Mrs. S. R. McKay, Miss Jean McKay, Mr. and Mrs. Edwin R. Davis and Cramsey Davis.

## MISS HENRIETTA O'QUINN FETED AT LILLINGTON BRIDGE PARTY

Miss Henrietta O'Quinn, whose marriage to Marvin Murray will take place on Wednesday, August 26, was the inspiration for the attractive bridge party given on Tuesday night by Mrs. N. F. Lewis and Mrs. Lewis McKinney at the McKinney home.

Party appointments followed a pink-white and green color scheme. White gladioli were used on the mantel and pink roses on a small table.

The refreshments tables were arranged with crystal candle sticks holding green tapers tied with pink ribbon and small white flowers.

The hostesses presented the guest of honor with a bracelet corsage of pink carnations and stephanotis and gift of crystal lime ice and pink and green decorated cakes were served with each plate holding a tiny green lace fan, tied with pink ribbon and valley lilies. Cakes and nuts were served during the bridge games.

Mrs. J. R. Baggett, Jr., high scorer in bridge, was rewarded with a rhinestone pin, while Miss Vee Caviness, low scorer, received dusting powder. Attending were, Mrs. B. B. O'Quinn, mother of the bride-elect, and 12 other guests who made up the three tables of bridge.

## MRS. LEE AND MRS. McDONALD HONOR MISS DOROTHY McDONALD

Mrs. M. O. Lee and Mrs. Mark McDonald entertained jointly at the Lee home on the Johnsonville Road on Monday morning at a luncheon party honoring Miss Dorothy McDonald, August bride-elect. Miss McDonald, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. C. M. McDonald, will be married to Bruce H. Thomas on August 29 at 4:30 p. m. in the Lillington Methodist Church. She is the only daughter of Mrs. Lee and a sister-in-law of the other hostess.

The living and dining room thrown an air of elegance with mixed summer flowers. The bride-elect received a bracelet corsage of tallman roses interspersed with white roses. She was also given a gift of silver by the hostesses. Miss Ann O'Quinn, another Lillington bride-elect, was remembered with a piece of linen.

Refreshments consisting of ham biscuits, pickles, nuts, mints, cakes and bridal ices were served. Around 25 attended.

The same bride-elect shared honors at another informal party given last week on Wednesday night by Miss Florence Allard and Mrs. Joe P. Smith, Jr. at the Allard home. The other guest of honor was Miss Henrietta O'Quinn whose wedding date is August 26.

Both bride-elect were given corsages of white chrysanthemums and the table covered with a lace cloth featured an unusual arrangement of candles in a pyramid held, interspersed with epernettes holding small white flowers. Mixed colors were used in floral arrangements in other parts of the living room.

Mrs. Selwyn O'Quinn presided at the punch bowl. Lime ice potato chips, mints, assorted crackers and sandwiches were served. A variety of bridal contests were enjoyed with prizes going to the winners.

Miss Laura Mae Edwards, Mrs. Leo Kelly, Mrs. Selwyn O'Quinn, Mrs. Fudolph Blanchard and Miss Shirley Cameron.

The hostesses also presented the bride-elect with a gift of linen. Around 30 guests attended.

Mrs. N. F. Lewis and her grandson, Frankie Lewis, will spend the week end in Charleston, S. C. with her daughter, Mrs. Bob Helms, the former Miss Lynn Lewis, Mrs. Helms, who has been living in Charleston will return with her mother and establish her residence in Fayetteville where she will teach sixth grade this year in the Haymont School. Her husband, who is stationed in the Navy left this week on an extended cruise.

Mr. and Mrs. J. L. Adcock and son, Timmy, and their guest, Mrs. Herman Adams of Richmond, Va. and Mrs. A. J. Collins have returned home from a motor trip to Western North Carolina. They visited Mitchell, Chimney Rock, Blowing Rock, Roaring Gap and went across the Great Smokies into Gatlinburg, Tenn. and also attended the outdoor drama, "Unto These Hills" at Cherokee. Mrs. Adams returned to Richmond this week.

Mr. and Mrs. Bob Hurley and little son Rickie, who arrived from Washington last week to visit with Mrs. Hurley's father, Mr. A. L. Johnson, have been spending this week in Robersonville with Mr. Hurley's parents, Rev. and Mrs. Jno. B. Hurley.

Mr. Hurley was with the F. E. I. in Everett, Washington, and has been reassigned to this state. He will be located in Fayetteville.

Mrs. Hurley and Rickie will return to her father's and will spend the month of August.

## LILLINGTON Route 1 News

### NEILLS CREEK W.M.U. HEARS OF NEED OF INDIANS ON THE CHEROKEE RESERVATION

As the W.M.U. of the Neills Creek Baptist Church met for their general meeting at the church on Monday night August, 10th, we were made a great deal more conscious of the needs of the Indian on the Cherokee Reservation as our Pastor, Rev. G. Scott Turner, spoke to us about his recent trip there. Mr. and Mrs. Turner talked with our missionaries, Mr. and Mrs. Ewell Payne while there, and therefore, were able to give us some first hand information about the needs. As he so vividly unfolded the story for us, it presented a great challenge, as well as an opportunity to be of real service to them.

Mrs. Loyce Smith and Miss Glarys Johnson, played several organ and piano duets while the group were assembling. The meeting opened with the singing of "Christ For The Whole Wide World."

Mrs. Hugh Johnson, chairman of the Mollie Johnson Circle, had charge of the devotional with Mrs.

Lee Beale leading the prayer. Little Miss Vickie Upchurch, a Jr. G. A. from the Dunn Church did a solo number for us. She was accompanied at the piano by Miss Carolyn Beale. At the close of the program Miss Larue Matthews sang "See! Us O Holy Spirit."

After the program, the meeting was turned over to the President for the business session. Reports were heard from the various committees. There being no further business the meeting adjourned, with Mrs. J. O. McLeod leading the prayer.

**Group Enjoy Mountain Trip**  
Miss Eula Long of Lillington, Mrs. Pat Brannock, Mrs. Rosa Lee Upchurch and daughter, Sandra, and Miss Alice Jo Kelly of Raleigh had a nice visit in the mountains the past week end.

Mrs. Brannock's son Tommy, had been at the Sky Lark Camp near Blowing Rock for the past four weeks, the purpose of the trip was to bring him home, however, the group saw the production, "Horn In The West," and other interesting sights.

Enroute they stopped at the Henshaw Baptist Church in North Wilkesboro and attended Sunday School.

Mrs. Alice Morgan and Mrs. Ernest Wilder Jr. made a business trip to Fayetteville last Thursday.

Mrs. Alton Johnson has returned to her home after a short stay with her sister, Mrs. Lewis Sylves-

ter, in Richland last week. **Clark of Court Makes Trip**  
Mr. Robert Morgan, was guest on the U.S.S. Valley Forge that was in Dock at Norfolk for the week end. During the time he was in the navy he was aboard this ship, and a number of his mates are aboard now, we are sure this was a treat for each of them.

After a short visit on the ship, he made a business trip to Washington. He returned to his office Wednesday morning.

Mr. and Mrs. Berles Johnson and children, Donald, Leonard, and Richard are vacationing at the beach this week.

Mr. and Mrs. Caswell Johnson and children, Barbara and Marshall visited Mrs. Johnson's sister, Mrs. Franklin Boyette in Clinton Sunday.

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